

**Leon County
Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council**

Meeting of October 9, 2003

Members attending:

Mr. Mark O'Bryant, President and CEO, Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare, Inc.
Mr. Parwez Alam, County Administrator
Mrs. Sharon Roush, President and CEO, Capital Regional Medical Center (CRMC)
Ray Gyrmathy, M.. D., Director of Emergency Department, CRMC
Mr. Tom Coe, representing Anita Favors, Manager, City of Tallahassee

Guests:

Tom Quillen, Chief Tallahassee Fire Department
Richard Smith, Leon County Emergency Management
Vince Long, Assistant County Administrator
Joe Sharp, Director Health and Human Services

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 A. M.

Mr. Sharp stated that Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council had received an application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate an emergency medical and transport service within Leon County. Mr. Sharp indicated that a number of the information fields specified by the current EMS ordinance would not be applicable as the Ordinance assumes the applicant to be fully operational.

The application was reviewed. On item 8: Description of applicant's communication system, Mr. Coe presented a letter from the City Mayor to the County Commission Chair requesting a joint city/county workshop on the subject of public safety dispatch (Attachment #1). Mr. Coe suggested that the City would not be favorable to a COPCN for the County until such time as the workshop could be held. Mrs. Roush asked if the unresolved status of the City of Tallahassee/Leon County negotiations for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services in the unincorporated area of Leon County was a concern in granting Leon County a COPCN. Mr. Sharp responded that a COPCN provided the applicant with the power and responsibility to deliver emergency medical and transport services within Leon County. The COPCN did not specify the method by which this was done.

Mrs. Roush further inquired whether or not the COPCN effected the service delivery or dispatch model. Mr. O'Bryant commented on that with only twelve (12) weeks remaining to County EMS start-up, a workshop on dispatch might unduly delay the implementation of the County EMS system.

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Mr. Sharp stated that the COPCN provided the holder the right to provide emergency medical and transport services within Leon County and did not specify the actual service delivery model or dispatch model to be utilized.

There being no further questions, Mr. O'Bryant moved that the Advisory Council recommend that a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity be granted to Leon County. The motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1.

There being no further business of the Council, upon motion of Mrs. Roush, seconded and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:57 A. M.